

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

KO et al.

Application No: 09/895,566

Filed: June 29, 2001

For: SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT PROCESS
IMPLEMENTING BIAS COMPENSATION
ETCH ENDPOINT DETECTION AND
METHODS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE SAME



Examiner: Vinh, L.

Group Art Unit: 1765

Date: August 25, 2004

Docket No: LAM2P258

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Revised Amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Previously Paid For	Present Extra	SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE	OR	LARGE ENTITY RATE FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	18 -	19	00	X09 = \$	OR	X18 = \$
INDEP CLAIMS	04 -	04	00	X43 = \$	OR	X86 = \$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Present and Fee Not Previously Paid				\$145		\$290
			TOTAL	\$		\$

- ☐ Applicant(s) hereby petition for a _____ month(s) extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action.
- ☒ Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 50-0805.
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REVISED AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR section 1.121), dated July 28, 2004, asserting that the individual status of each claim cannot be identified due to the Applicants' failure to provide the proper status identifier for each claim in the Listing of Claims submitted in the Amendment filed on May 20, 2004 ("Amendment") in response to the Office Action mailed on February 20, 2004, the Applicants hereby submit a revised version of the Amendment. As revised, claims 22 – 24 have proper status identifiers in the Listing of Claims. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the following remarks be entered in the above-identified patent application:

The Applicants hereby acknowledge the allowability of claims 1-10 and 16-24, as amended, as set forth in the Notice of Allowability mailed on July 28, 2004.

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Revised Amdt. Dated August 25, 2004
Amendment Dated May 20, 2004
Reply to Office Action Dated February 20, 2004

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.